

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8, which starts with “This application claims benefit,” with the following amended paragraph:

This application claims priority of U.S. provisional application Serial No 60/165,093 titled “Automatic Formatting and Validating of Text for a Markup Language Graphical User Interface” filed November 12, 1999.

### **IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the text of the original Abstract with the following text.

“A system and method for automatically performing validation and/or formatting procedures for a graphical user interface (GUI) described in a markup language file. The GUI markup language description may comprise descriptions of various types of GUI elements for which text is to be validated/formatted, such as form fields, tables, hypertext links, etc. The markup language file may include various custom markup language attributes in order to automatically validate/format text for a GUI element. Validation/formatting procedures for GUI elements may thus be based on custom markup language attributes and are managed by a manager that is automatically instantiated when the application parses the markup language file. This manager interfaces to receive programmatic events that trigger various types of formatting/validating operations to be performed on the GUI elements.”